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Burglars steal from 16 homes

NEW BRUNSWICK — In just 13 days, more than 16 homes have been burglarized. The thieves have stolen money, electronic equipment and jewelry. The thefts have taken place in the 10th, 11th and 12th wards and authorities are warning residents to be careful of strangers.

Authorities believe the robberies, which have occurred in homes with open windows or doors, have been committed by one or two people. The crimes have taken place when residents were either at work or school. Seven of the homes that were robbed were located in the area of off-campus apartments.

Clinton appeals court decision on census

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is pressing for a Supreme Court ruling on the use of modern polling techniques it contends will better account for minorities and city dwellers in the 2000 Census.

The Justice Department has appealed a federal court ruling that rejected the use of statistical sampling for the national head count and will ask for Supreme Court review, the Justice Department said in a statement last week.

The census is used to determine how many congressional seats each state gets.

Senate Republicans sued over administration plans to use sampling, claiming it violates the constitutional requirement for an "actual enumeration" of the population. A federal court panel ruled recently that the sampling plan violates the Census Act.

Toll hikes denounced as counterproductive

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — A plan to increase tolls on the Atlantic City Expressway is ripe for a backlash and counterproductive to New Jersey shore tourism. Representatives of local businesses, limousine drivers, bus operators and residents denounced the proposed increases. If approved, the hikes will drive customers away from casinos and other businesses that rely on tourists, critics said.

"It's time to look at the tolls on your financial seat belts," said Curtis Kugel, an Atlantic City businessman who was one of the speakers at the 90-minute hearing at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The toll hikes, which would be the Expressway's first in nearly 30 years, would double the \$1 toll north past the Egg Harbor plaza and the 25-cent toll in Pleasantville for motorists who pay in cash.

Fake money found in front of bodega

NEWARK — Counterfeit money was recently found outside a Newark bodega. The fake \$5 and \$20 bills were printed on what the Secret Service believes is City of Newark stationery. The bills, which were discovered on Aug. 21, were printed on Newark's Central Word, were printed on a \$1 by 11 inch sheet of paper. The owner of Alina's Supermarket discovered a bag filled with \$195 in counterfeit bills.

Investigators are working to find out where the paper came from. A representative from the Mayor's office said such stationery, which includes Sharpe James' name and eight council members, has been mailed to the public and distributed at special events.

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By g.r. mattox
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Many talk about the concept of change in the next millennium, but what are the ways to put the theory into practice? How does one start, and what avenues do you travel to get there?

Communication is key to the development of this change, and now there is an innovative program in a place that will reach all the areas.

Last Tuesday was the launch of CityNet, an information exchange program that provides two-way, cross cultural interaction and information gathering. It was more than an after-work networking reception, it was the beginning of a new and improved concept of community and communication. Over 200 people from various social, religious, community and corporate organizations joined the staff and management of the City News Publishing Company to support the launch with the idea to share information, and develop ideas that can be transformed into concrete results.

The event took place in the Theatre Grill at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), which

hosted the launch of the CityNet Company, said there is a need to highlight the accomplishment of the state's 500-plus non-profit organizations.

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she said. "But not enough people know about it, and not enough people are benefiting from the knowledge and resources that are easily available to us."

In her introduction to the speakers for the evening, Jan Johnson, Executive Vice-President and Editor in Chief, City News Publishing Company, said there is a need to highlight the accomplishment of the state's 500-plus non-profit organizations. "The economy is doing well," she said. "But not enough people know about it, and not enough people are benefiting from the knowledge and resources that are easily available to us."

Following her remarks, Johnson introduced a host of famous supporters of the CityNet concept.

While many of the speakers were from the religious community, they have close ties with corporations,

government and the general com-

munity.

Reverend Calvin McKinney has

served as pastor of the Calvin Baptist Church in Garfield for the past 26 years. He is also president of the General Baptist Association of New Jersey and an administrator of a ministry membership of over 300,000 members in 1,000 churches across the state. "We need to come together collectively as we look towards the 21st century to become a more prepared people," he said. "We must be prepared to become involved in a number of areas so we can help our brothers and sisters and our children that are going to live in this new millennium. We who represent Christ and Christendom are taking a bold stance towards this goal and we support entities like the CityNet initiative that will make this happen."

Ward 10 Mayor Jim McGreevey presented a proclamation commemorating the CityNet launch, and noted the development of the initiative's concept of an urban policy where people in various areas share expertise, information

and data. He continued by saying that those assembled would be a part of the CityNet team to move the initiative, and thereby the state, forward.

"It is about articulating and sharing a thoughtful vision, putting

together an action plan, and then putting it into effect," he said.

Reverend Jethro James, of Paradise Baptist Church in Newark

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Dianne Keel Atkins, right, of the New Garden State Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, stood in for Bishop William C. Atkins to participate in a God's Word of God's Children when you talk about the new millennium, you can only talk about 500 days from now," she said. "So it's not too late to start practical planning, non-duplicating effort and a great deal of collaboration. CityNet is a great forum to initiate all three of these ideas."

Photos by Glyn Friesen

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

PRINCETON—Austral, the traveling specialist for Australia, will be hosting Discover Downunder workshop at the Princeton Holiday Inn at 7:30 p.m. 1-(800) 633-3404

CRAFORD—Students can register for Union County College courses between 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the College's campuses in Cranford, Elizabeth and Plainfield. (908) 709-7500

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PLAINFIELD—The Community Support Program, called ARC will host a 5th anniversary celebration of the program. (908) 754 5910

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

GARWOOD—The Union County Coalition for the prevention of Substance Abuse, a program of the Saint Barnabas Behavioral Health Network, will have nationally acclaimed speaker, Dr. Michael Thomson, a renowned international authority on parenting, at The Westwood, in Garwood. (908) 586-6044

HOBOKEN—The 10th annual Festival of the Arts & Horizon of African Americans takes place at the PNC Bank Arts Center beginning at 10 a.m. (732) 229-9369

PLAINFIELD—The Mojo Gallery will present a Art For Africa relief exhibition beginning at 4 p.m. (908) 755-8244

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library will have its annual book sale (908) 757-1111

SANDY HOOK—The New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, will sponsor its 2nd Annual Fluke Tournament, beginning at 9:00 a.m. (732) 672-1300

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

SHEWSBURY—The Jersey Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross will host the GPU Energy Rockin' Roll Bike Tour beginning at 9 a.m. (732) 741-3443

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will be offering trips to Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill (973) 596-6638

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

MAHWAH—Ramapo College will open an exhibition on photographs from the civil rights movement beginning at 5 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi annual consignment sale through Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 561-1731

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library will host an exhibition of Puerto Rico 1838-1998: A Century of Change and Uncertainty during library hours (973) 733-7772

BELLE MEAD—The Carrier Foundation will present Considering Cultural Factors in Clinical Practice seminar beginning at noon (908) 218-1461

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW YORK—The NBA and Hoop-It-Up will host a 3-on-3 street basketball tour—today announce the Worldwide Tour will return to New York for the sixth consecutive year. For more information, players can call the Hoop-It-Up New York City hotline at 888-315-PLAY.

OCEAN GROVE—The Historic Society will host a concert in honor of Paul Robeson (732) 774-1869

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will host a SAT Review course beginning at 9 a.m. (201) 200-3426

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

CRAFORD—Union County Community College will offer a non-credit course on Principles of Real Estate beginning at 9:00 a.m. (908) 709-7500

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

CLARK—The public library will present

its Fall Young Readers Club program beginning at 3:30 p.m. (732) 388-5999

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WEST ORANGE—The United Way of Essex and West Hudson will host a campaign kick-off tailgate party at Mayfair Farms beginning at 12 noon. Contact the United Way of Essex and West Hudson for information.

EAST RUTHERFORD—The New Jersey Jobs for a Better State (NEW JOBS) is holding its Night at the Meadowlands to honor outstanding candidates for the State Legislature (609) 393-7707

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

CRAFORD—Union County College will offer a non-credit course on workplace operations (908) 709-7503

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NASSAU—The American Council for Arts and Craftsmanship takes pleasure in announcing the 2nd Annual Art & Craft Festival, a juried exhibition designed as Long Island's most elegant American crafts event to be held at The Nassau County Museum of Art. A special preview will be held from 5-8 p.m. at the Museum. 516-484-5207.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NEWARK—Local author Carlton Lewis will be signing copies of his critically acclaimed fiction novel Pigmentation at Kadar Book Store beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 242-4296

MARGATE—The city will host a blues and jazz Fall Funfest By the Bay beginning at 10:30 a.m. through Sunday (609) 748-4850

JERSEY CITY—New Jersey City University will offer four swimming classes for children. (201) 200-3098

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will host a series of planetarium events through Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. (973) 696-6938

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

LEONIA—Holy Name Hospital will organize its second annual Bergen County 5k walk/run at Overpeck Park, beginning at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEW YORK—The Museum of Modern Art will host a tribute to the film work of Gordon Parks through the Oct 4 (212) 788-9847

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey Business Community will host the 20th Anniversary Conference on Volunteering at the Harrah's Marina Hotel beginning at 6 p.m. (608) 964-3470

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

WEST ORANGE—Carla Massa Foundation Fall Invitational will be held at the acclaimed Montclair Country Club. If you have any questions, please contact (973) 450-2277.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

SKILLMAN—The American Repertory Ballet/Princeton Ballet School presents a Fall Swing Ball and Tennis Outing at the Beden's Brook Club beginning at 10 a.m. (908) 753-3446

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

PLAINFIELD—The Fire Department will host its annual Fire Prevention Fair at the Hub Street Annex. Fire Fair beginning at 10 a.m. (908) 753-3446

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

ATLANTIC CITY—Eight time Boston and Newark Marathon Bill Rodgers, will face Olympic Marathon winner Frank Shorter in a race held as part of the 39th Annual Atlantic City Marathon. The race will be 10K and 2-mile healthwalk. Come along and join in the fun, and watch two of the world's greatest face each other. Call 609-601-1RUN.

CITY NEWS

is glad to highlight our community people every week.

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City News People, P.O. Box 1774,
Plainfield, N.J. 07060

Housing Authority of Long Branch wins several awards



LONG BRANCH—The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch is the 1998 recipient of ten National Association of Housing Officials (NAHRO) Merit Awards.

"NAHRO is honored to recognize the achievements of agencies like the Housing Authority of Long Branch," said Deborah M. Erlman, Ph.D., "Their commitment to improving their community through innovative programs and services should be an example to us all."

The awards which recognize out-

standing achievement in housing and development programs

throughout the nation, are

presented to Long Branch Housing Authority's David A. Brown, members

of the Board of Commissioners

and staff in Boston, Massachusetts.

In accepting the awards, David A.

Brown said, "This is the true indi-

cator of what we have done.

It's more than I dreamed or

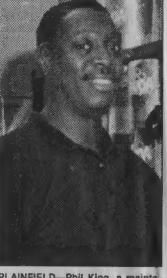
imagined. Ten awards in one year is

incredible."

He went on to say, "This year has been the greatest

year for this Housing Authority."

Phil King
named
'Employee
of the month'



PLAINFIELD—Phil King, a maintenance mechanic at JFK Harvey at Edison Estates, was named August Employee of the Month. Mr. King has been an employee at the Edison Estates for 10 years and was recognized for his continuous professionalism and dedication to his job. According to one of the employees, "Phil is a role model. Phil has demonstrated an ability to weigh the needs and concerns of staff along with patient care needs. He clearly demonstrates leadership and dedication well beyond expectations."

John E. Empolite, Jr., Employee of the Month award is given to an employee who exhibits outstanding dedication and performance.

Congratulations!!!
to all our featured
people
from the staff of
CITY NEWS

Organized Labor plans to celebrate Labor Day



Shown (l-r): Monsignor John J. Gilchrist, Spiritual Director, Essex-West Hudson Labor Council; Roz Samuels, Secretary-Treasurer, Local 481 Newark Teachers Union, AFT; J.J. Johnson, Grand Marshal of the 1998 Celebration of Labor; and Thomas P. Giblin, President of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council.

NEWARK—Holidays don't just happen. In fact, these special occasions are carefully planned to commemorate a great event or, in many cases, to keep memories and passions alive.

In keeping with more than a hundred years of tradition, the art, history and culture of the labor movement

a 7th annual celebration of labor, will take place Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Newark City Hall and proceed down Broad Street to Washington Street.

The Labor Day happens to be one of America's greatest holidays because it honors the workers of America

while, at the same time, it pays

homage to Organized Labor for all

Americans living conditions for all

Americans. The first Labor Day was

in 1882, established by NJ Senator

Peter J. McGuire with an

official with Carpenters International

Union.



RAHWAY—Chester Holmes, Rahway Mayor James Kennedy, NJ Transit Executive Director Shirley A. Deliberto, Assemblyman Neil Cohen and Lewis Mingo, Jr.

"This is the beginning of the Rahway Central Business District revitalization that will enhance the economy and ultimately improve the quality of life for our citizens," said Union County Freeholder Chester Holmes.

The Rahway Central Business District is a part of the Rahway Riverfront Revitalization Trust Fund. Construction began in 1995 with the demolition of the old building, which was built in 1930. Improvements include a new concrete building with a reconfigured pedestrian tunnel, which will include high level platforms and a concession area that will include the Moca Motel Cafe, scheduled to open in the spring. In addition, the project included a new, 1,100-square-foot climate-controlled waiting room, display cases for NJ Transit and community information, two handicap accessible rest rooms and two elevators.

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NATION/WORLD BRIEFS

POLICE CLOSE TO ARREST IN SOUTH AFRICA BOMBING

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Police last week claimed to be closing in on the man responsible for the fatal bombing of a Planet Hollywood restaurant, which authorities said probably was the target of hometown terrorists taking aim at the United States.

Local commanders they will be arrested soon, the South African Press Association quoted President Mandela as saying. The explosion at the crowded tourist spot, on Cape Town's waterfront, killed a South African bank employee and 27 people, including eight British. The identities of the other victims were not immediately released. In Washington, the State Department said it was not aware of any American casualties among the dead and injured.

"Obviously, we condemn in the strongest terms what appears to be an outrageous and despicable terrorist attack against innocent people," James Foley, a spokesman said.

RELEASE DATE ANNOUNCED FOR NEW \$20 BILL

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan announced recently that the Series 1998 \$20 note will be issued starting September 24, 1998. The new \$20 note contains improved security features to deter counterfeiting.

Like the Series 1998 \$100 and \$50 bills, the new \$20 bill has a familiar appearance, since the size, color and historical subject matter are unchanged. The bill also has several security features which will protect against counterfeiting: a watermark; enhanced security thread; fine line printing patterns; color-shifting ink; and a larger off-center portrait that is the most notable change on the bill.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN BOOK INDUSTRY

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Publishers from 20 African countries have come together to find ways to improve distribution systems, which are often cited as the major obstacle to the growth of the African book industry. The publishers, who attended the Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF) in August, have called for closer cooperation with donors, lenders and international organizations so as to improve the marketing of African books.

"We create a platform for the research of book distribution in Africa," said Gert Naude of the Pan African Booksellers Association (PABA), formed in 1997 to market African books. "PABA's main aim is to assist bookellers in various countries to organize and arrange themselves into associations which would form a greater group of mutual concern with governments and interested parties, like airlines and trucking companies so that problems of tariffs and distribution are addressed," said Naude.

ZIMBABWE'S "WIFE INHERITANCE" SPEADS AIDS

MAT-DAWAN, Zimbabwe — Threatened by the spread of AIDS, Zimbabwean rural communities are being encouraged to abandon the "wife inheritance" tradition, by which men take the wives of their brothers. Shocked by a chain of deaths, the residents of Chief Nemba's area in Mat-Dawana, in the central province of Mashonaland, are demanding that the tradition, called "Nhaka" in the Shona language, be stopped.

Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are seeking community involvement and proper legislation to fight the deeply-rooted custom, which, originally intended to ensure continuity of responsibilities while providing security for a widow, is becoming a major cause of transmission of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), which causes AIDS, according to health workers. More than 10 percent of this Southern African country of 12 million people are HIV-positive, and some 700 die every week of AIDS, official estimates say.

NAACP applauds guilty verdict of klansman

BALTIMORE — NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume applauded the guilty verdict in the arson murder trial of Samuel H. Bowers, a convicted member of the KKK Klan. The trial, for the death of Vernon Dahmer, an NAACP board president in Mississippi.

"This decision is long over due and should send a strong, clear message to all harbinger of hate that

justice will not be denied even if it takes 32 years as was this case in Vernon Dahmer's murder," said Mfume.

Dahmer headed the NAACP's Forrest County branch and owned the first grocery store run by the KKK firebrand. Dahmer's widow, Ellie, and children survived the deadly bombing.

"Finally, after five trials, Ellie

Dahmer can bring some closure to this horrible crime that took the life of another loving husband who was a courageous man and devoted father," Mfume said.

The four previous times Bowers faced trial for this crime ended with him just being found guilty, but say he remained the killing because Dahmer planned to allow blacks to register to vote by paying a \$2 poll

tax at his grocery. The tax was designed to discourage blacks from voting and has since been outlawed by the federal Voting Rights Act.

A delegation of NAACP staff and members attended the week-long trial in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The association has pushed for a state to be re-appraised and in 1994 adopted a resolution calling for the state to reinvestigate.

Reno gives nod to Gore investigation

Michael J. Sniffen
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno last week opened a preliminary investigation to determine whether an independent counsel should conduct a full probe of Vice President Al Gore's telephone calls soliciting campaign contributions, said.

This was the second time Reno has been asked to look into the calls by Justice attorneys since the 45 telephone calls Gore made from his office in the fall of 1995 and spring of 1996.

Last December, she said a similar early probe of Gore's calls, saying there wasn't enough evidence to warrant an independent investigation.

As required by the independent counsel law, a three-judge court that picks counsel, but does not immediately authorize her to publicly disclose it, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The department said it would have no announcement on the case.

Reno's decision means she has four months to decide whether to commence a crime that requires more probing. But it does not mean she will name an independent counsel. Justice officials have said that unless more evidence emerges during the 90 days, this second inquiry also will be closed without seeking a special prosecutor.

Gore's attorney, James F. Neal, said the vice president has been interviewed twice about the calls and "has fully cooperated and honestly answered every question."

Republican reaction was mixed. Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) said that while Reno's move "could be perceived as a delaying tactic," he felt "we" — the Republicans — "will be better off if we let her do her job."

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Women's conference seeks '99 presenters



The "African American Women on Tour" conference offers workshops to thousands of women nationwide.

SAFEGATE, Calif. — The 1999 Mobil African American Women on Tour (AAWOT), the national empowerment conference series for Black women, currently seeks workshop

shop presenters and forum panelists for its 1999 season to: Los Angeles, CA, April 9-11; Los Angeles Airport Marriott, New York, NY, July 9-11; Brooklyn, Marriott, Philadelphia.

College program prepares kids for the future



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of "What Time Is It," a self-esteem and anti-drug use video.

The five centers and their directors are: The George Washington University, in Washington, DC, local director Ms. Jeannette Boykin; University of Akron, Akron, OH, Ms. Odilia Williams, director; William & Mary University in Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Barbara McDaniels-Harris, director; Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey, Ms. Trish Morris Yamba, director, and the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, Ms. Marjorie R. Green, director.

Heading the project is Yolanda Sampson, Ms. Black World 1995. A Howard University graduate, Sampson is president and founder of Pup-Tainment Productions, producers

Kids program, intensive workshop topics rigorously presented will include such vital issues as AIDS, black history, conflict resolution, drugs and alcohol, peer pressure, and self-esteem. Influential such visual artists, writers, and drama teachers will introduce the youth to the significance and relevance of aesthetic imperatives and various means of expression," said Ms. Sampson.

"Professionals in the banking business, corporate executives of leading companies, accountants and others will introduce the youngsters to concepts of targeting marketing, selling, advertising, pricing, product development and distribution as entrepreneurs, employers and employees." "Collective" workshops will be conducted by their professors to be the best they can be, shaping them to make a difference in the communities in which they live."

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SOMERSET—Global Resources will host a PowerPak program for MBA-Power Pak program. Call (973) 984-3100 for more information.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

TRENTON—The New York-New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council will be hosting a "Train Ride to Success" beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 14. For more information on time call (212) 582-2334.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEW YORK—Professional Women in Construction (PWC) present "Designing Your Future" career symposium at 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yale Club, Vanderbilt Avenue at 44th Street, New York City. For more information call PWC at 212-687-6010 or fax 212-490-1213.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

NEWARK—The Regional Business Partnership is holding a seminar on international import/export at the International Market Research & Intelligence: How to Use It & Why It Is Important. On Sept. 16, 1998, at 9 a.m. in Newark, D.C. The agenda includes information-packs, trade shows, financial analysis, portfolio managers and valuable networking opportunities. To register, call (888) 411-2624.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WASHINGTON—COBI invites African Americans to explore the power of investing—from stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to private companies, real estate, and art—at the 1998 COBI Fall Festival in Newark, in Washington, D.C. The agenda includes information-packs, trade shows, financial analysis, portfolio managers and valuable networking opportunities. To register, call (888) 411-2624.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

MARGATE—If organizers have their way, the Margate Fall Festival by the Bay, will set new standards for outdoor festival held in southern New Jersey. For more information, contact Bill Lear at (609) 269-2690.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NEWARK—The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey is hosting a awards luncheon called Pfeiffer Fair beginning at 9:30 a.m. (673) 972-6286.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

BASKING RIDGE—The New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council presents a MBE GENERAL MANUFACTURING AND FINANCE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP, hosted by AT&T beginning at 8:30 a.m. (212) 582-2334.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

GARDEN CITY—Professional Women in Construction (PWC) will hold its Autumn Gold Tennis and brunch through dinner, at the Garden City Country Club. For reservations and information call at 212-687-6010.

A win for businesses in urban areas

WASHINGTON — The National Black Chamber of Commerce, which held its 62nd Annual Convention in July, says business and the cause of civil rights in urban areas in northern urban areas was a big victory with the U.S. Supreme Court deciding to dismiss an environmental racism case brought by the residents of Chester County, Pennsylvania against State of Pennsylvania.

The case was based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) environmental justice policy encouraging lawsuits under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Harry C. Alford, President and CEO of the NBCDC, said, "The Supreme Court's order completely vacates the twisted legal principles

EPA has relied on to deny environmental operating permits to businesses located in urban areas and other low income areas. They are trying to impose a precious piece of legislation on us that is not in our favor."

Since the NAACP, labor unions and bus manufacturers got together to force student busing to our neighborhoods been so economically devastating to us that rescinding "it's policy immediately and search for a 'win-win' solution."

The NBCDC, joined by the US Chamber of Commerce and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce, argued that EPA's new environmental justice policy undercut urban economic development and

was a threat to the environment.

A growing coalition of governors, mayors and state and local officials has joined the NBCDC in calling for the EPA to repeat the guidelines.

DETROIT — In an on-going effort to show his commitment to economic empowerment for blacks in corporate America, Reverend Al Sharpton, President of National Action Network (NAN) joined Stevie Wonder, a Detroit cab television tycoon, his partner, mega-star Michael Jackson, entertainer Stevie Wonder and boxer Tommy Hearns in promoting Barden's campaign, an attempt to get a piece of the forthcoming Detroit casino business deal.

"I was in full support of a black group striving for economic empowerment of our people," said Rev. Sharpton. He continued to say, "It seems to me that Detroit has a lot of black-owned and more of them black-owned, so why shouldn't there be at least one casino that is black-owned?"

Detroit plans to build three new casinos within the city limits as it works to revitalize the area from its urban decay. Project Detroit's efforts of Reverend Sharpton and the support of Jackson, Wonder and Hearns' Barden's proposal was not chosen as one of the finalists for the new casinos. However, the public can expect to see Rev. Sharpton continue

to make his presence felt in corporate America in the near future as he makes a visit to Dallas, Texas to open the Dallas chapter of the National Action Network.

Rev. Sharpton concluded to say, "I've been a 20 year friend of Michael Jackson's, and I was very pleased to see him put up his money to support his people and even though

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Local Briefs

NJ Nets star opens recreation center

IRVINGTON — Irvington Mayor Sara Bost and NJ Nets All-Star Chris Gatling will dedicate the new Township of Irvington-Chris Gatling Recreation Center on Thursday, September 3.

The center will restore a full slate of recreational, social and educational programs once held by its predecessor, The Police Athletic League building (PAL). Irvington PAL closed in 1994 due to financial difficulties.

Gatling, who played basketball at the PAL while growing up in Irvington, purchased the building for \$135,000 and promptly leased it back to the township of Irvington.

The municipality has spent about \$350,000 in renovations, preparing for the opening of the center.

Violence authority speaks on safe schools

PLAINFIELD — One of the leading authorities in the United States on violence, Dr. Delores Prothro-Stith, will speak to about 1,000 Plainfield teachers, administrators and support staff today, September 2. Dr. Prothro-Stith is the assistant dean of Government and Community Programs at the Higher Education Health and the author of *Deadly Consequences*, one of the first books to present a public health perspective on violence.

Dr. Prothro-Stith will speak at an opening day conference at Plainfield's staff one day before school opens on September 3 for students.

Dr. Prothro-Stith will add an important dimension to our efforts begun last year to establish a Safe School program throughout the school district," said Dr. Larry Leverett, Plainfield's superintendent of schools. The program is an attempt to get out in front of what law enforcement officials were predicting a significant growth in juvenile crime, especially among teens."

Connection-Newark 'quacks' up!

NEWARK — Hundreds of rubber ducks landed in the Reflecting Pool at PSE&G in Newark recently as Connection-Newark and the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark offices hosted the City's first annual "Quackening" — A Really Ducky Event.

Modeled after events developed by Great American Duck Races, the official "Quackening" event in Newark was at the Reflecting Pool at PSE&G. The event featured hundreds of adopted rubber ducks floating in the pool, hopeful of being plucked out by celebrities and community leaders.

Owners of the plucked ducks with their adopted prizes included free tickets on Continental Airlines, resort stays courtesy of Hilton, tickets to NJPAC, restaurants, the 1999 Soccer World Cup, and more. Jazz music and good food was available for those who attended.

Quacking is a wonderful opportunity for Newark residents and businesses to connect and promote our great City's history and present its current economic cul-

tural, recreational, collegiate, transportation, medical and social assets," said Newark Mayor Sharpe James. "It is important that we as citizens participate in this important connection between Newark's downtown and uptown areas and prove that our City is everything it's cracked up to be.

Myles Varley, executive director of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark said, "This event is another example of our commitment to Newark coming together to work for a common goal."

"Connection-Newark is proud of the partnerships which continue to grow with businesses and community groups throughout the city supporting events such as the Quackening," said Pas Ryan, chair of this non profit organization geared to increasing the quality of life in the city. "Each new initiative, and the collaboration that makes them happen, help improve the quality of life in Newark. We hope the Quackening will be a day of fun and laughter for everyone."

Duck Central, located at Con-



JUST DUCKY: Children from the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark were on hand for "The Quackening" an annual fundraiser to support quality of life programs sponsored by Connection-Newark. The event took place at the

reflecting pool at PSE&G headquarters.

nection-Newark, 744 Broad Street, 33rd Floor, officially opened today, and everyone is invited to stop by to adopt ducks, which begin at \$5. In addition,

there are a wide range of duck adoption opportunities for area businesses. Corporations, organizations, restaurants and local merchants will also have duck adoption forms for the "Quackening." For additional information on "A Quackening" and duck adoptions, contact Duck Central at (973) 643-1611.

'Famous Amos' promotes literacy at the Leaguers



NEWARK — What do Assemblyman William Payne (D-29th district) and world famous cookie entrepreneur Wally Amos have in common?

Their concern and desire to improve the quality of life for children. That is why the Assemblyman and Famous Amos joined forces at The Leaguers, a Newark-based community center, to promote literacy, the joy of reading and the importance of staying in school to the Leaguers participating in the Leaguers Summer Camp program.

Using personal stories and life lessons, Wally "Famous" Amos, a native of Newark, addressed approximately twenty school age children, staff members and Leaguers parents, who attended the first day of school and life lessons, national sponsorship for literacy.

Wally "Famous" Amos, in back row wearing hat, joined forces with Assemblyman Payne to promote the joys of reading and the importance of staying in school at the Leaguers Summer Camp Program.

THE NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WELCOMES STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF TO THE 1998-1999 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOLS OPEN - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1998

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS
8:25 A.M. - 2:55 P.M.



SECONDARY SCHOOL HOURS
8:15 A.M. - 2:40 P.M.

TO REGISTER FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN A CHILD MUST BE FOUR (4) YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998.

TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN A CHILD MUST BE FIVE (5) YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998*

STUDENT REGISTRATION

PARENTS REGISTERING STUDENTS INTO SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST SHOW THE CHILD'S:

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE (CHILD MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD ON/OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1998)
- IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTS
- PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' PROOF OF RESIDENCY (I.E. CURRENT UTILITY BILL)
- STUDENTS TRANSFERRING IN FROM ANOTHER DISTRICT OR FROM ONE NEWARK SCHOOL TO ANOTHER MUST ALSO PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR TRANSFER RECORDS

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- IMMUNIZATION RECORDS MUST INCLUDE SPECIFIC DATES FOR A MINIMUM OF FOUR DOSES OF DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE. ONE OF THE FOUR DOSES MUST HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED ON OR AFTER THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY.
- IN ADDITION, THE CHILD'S RECORDS SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION ON VACCINATION FOR RUBELLA, MUMPS AND A MINIMUM OF THREE DOSES OF ORAL POLIO VACCINE. ONE OF THE THREE DOSES MUST HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED ON/OR AFTER THE CHILD'S FOURTH BIRTHDAY.
- RECORDS MUST ALSO SHOW DATES FOR MEASLES VACCINATIONS. STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN MUST SHOW DATES FOR TWO MEASLES VACCINATIONS AFTER THE CHILD'S FIRST BIRTHDAY.

FREE IMMUNIZATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, 110 WILLIAM STREET, NEWARK, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED BY STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAW. STUDENTS ABSENT WITHOUT A MEDICAL NOTICE MORE THAN 18 DAYS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOT BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE.

TESTING DATES

DISTRICTWIDE STANDARDIZED TEST

APRIL 20 - 23, 1998

GRADE 11 HSPT

OCTOBER 6, 1998 - READING

OCTOBER 7, 1998 - MATH

OCTOBER 8, 1998 - WRITING

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1998

SPRING EXAM

APRIL 6, 1999 - READING

APRIL 7, 1999 - MATH

APRIL 8, 1999 - WRITING

APRIL 13, 14, 15, 1999

MAKE-UP EXAM

APRIL 13, 14, 15, 1999

GRADE 8 GEPAS (GRADE EIGHT PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT)

SPRING EXAM: MARCH 9, 10, 11, 1999

MAKE-UP EXAM: MARCH 16, 17, 18, 1999

MARKING PERIODS

SEPTEMBER 10 - November 20, 1998

NOVEMBER 23, 1998 - FEBRUARY 5, 1999

FEBRUARY 8 - APRIL 23, 1999

APRIL 26 - JUNE 29, 1999

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

DECEMBER 4, 1998

FEBRUARY 19, 1999

MAY 5, 1999

JUNE 29, 1999*

Warning notices regarding students' unsatisfactory progress will be sent home on or about the 25th day of each marking period.

*High School report cards to be mailed.

1998-99 NEWARK SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	7	Labor Day
	8	OPENING - 10 MONTHS EMPLOYEES
	9	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
	10	SCHOOLS OPEN FOR STUDENTS (THURSDAY)
OCTOBER	12	COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE
	21	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NOVEMBER	2	PUERTO RICO RECOGNITION DAY
	3	ELECTION DAY
	11	VETERANS DAY
	12 & 13	TEACHER CONVENTION
	27	TRANSFERRING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER	26 & 27	WINTER RECESS
	24 - 31	

1999

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	18	DR. MARTIN L. KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY
	27	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
FEBRUARY	12 - 15	PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND
MARCH	22	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
	29 - 31	SPRING RECESS
APRIL	1	SPRING RECESS
	2	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY	31	MEMORIAL DAY
JUNE	29	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE SCHOOLS DUE TO THE OPENING OF SCHOOLS DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER EMERGENCIES WHICH MAY DEVELOP OVERNIGHT, ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CLOSING OR DELAYED OPENINGS SHALL BE MADE OVER THE RADIO STATIONS LISTED BELOW BETWEEN 7:00 AM. AND 9:00 AM.

WOR - 710 AM
WINS - 1010 AM
WBLZ - 107.5 FM
WADO - 1280 AM
(SPANISH LANGUAGE STATION)

CLIP AND SAVE! CLIP AND SAVE! CLIP AND SAVE!



*OR MUST HAVE ATTENDED A NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS OR STATE-LICENSED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

LifeStyles

AAA shows how to combat car repair ripoff

FLORHAM PARK — Your car is making strange noises and you're afraid to drive any further without having it checked by a mechanic. But, you're not at any place near your local garage.

"The vast majority of auto repair shops want to earn your confidence and business for the long term," said Rick Town, assistant vice president of automotive services for the AAA New Jersey, New York and Connecticut Club. "Unfortunately, there are a few that want your confidence only to take advantage of your wallet."

How can you determine who the "bad guys" are and what they're up to before you get to a repair shop at an unfamiliar place? The Consumer advocate, law enforcement officials and other automotive experts have identified the most common and profitable scams.

Intentional battery overload. Determining the condition of a battery requires a special test to determine power requirements of a start on a cold morning. A technician can, by manipulating the testing equipment, put too much load on a battery causing it to fail right before your eyes.

False flat tire diagnosis. Cleaning the old lubricant out of front-wheel bearings every two to three years was common maintenance on rear-wheel drive cars. Wheel bearings on the vast majority of front-wheel drive cars are sealed with lifetime lubrication so rebushing is not necessary.

Suspect suspension joints. The

wrong test can fail a perfectly sound ball joint. Suspension design determines how to test a joint for wear; following a procedure for a design that's different than your car's can give a false reading.

Costly rebuilt parts. When you need repairs, you often have the choice between new and rebuilt parts. Many rebuilt parts may have been rebuilt by the manufacturer making them "as good as new." But they cost 35 to 50 percent less than new parts. An unscrupulous shop may not give you a choice or sell you a new part, but actually install a rebuilt one.

Impossible wheel adjustments. Many newer cars require fewer adjustments for wheel alignment. For example, camber, caster and toe settings can be measured on all cars, but only some can be adjusted. In order to implement special tools, the technician will measure all three settings. If the flat fee, however, includes adjusting all three, you're paying for a service you don't need.

Mysterious muffler holes. Some mufflers have a small hole to let condensation escape. A technician who closes this hole as cause for a new muffler is draining your wallet.

False emissions testing. A catalytic converter is the most visible emission control device on a car, so it is an easy target for repair. But an oxygen sensor, a less expensive part, could be culprited even if the more expensive part failed, you may have to pay to replace it: a government-managed five-year/150,000 mile warranty covers emissions-related parts on all cars.

Unreliable computer tests. Computerized diagnostics produce a printed report that can appear credible. But the diagnosis is only as good as the technician controlling the computer. Some tests such as ignition timing can be influenced.

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Inflated flat-rate pricing. Most shops use flat-rate pricing by customer manual, which charges for various repair jobs. Some manuals list two times for repairs: stand-alone or a short time for the job done in conjunction with another. A shop can inflate repair bills by using stand-alone repair times for jobs that were combined with another.

How can you protect yourself against rip-offs? "First, know your car and its maintenance schedule," said AAA's Town. "Most maintenance intervals are longer than they used to be, so if you're not sure about a repair, you're better off calling a repair shop or many automakers offer a toll-free customer assistance line."

"Second, get a second opinion. Be suspicious when a technician says he has discovered a 'dangerous condition' if you've never heard of it before. If it seems fine, you should be able to drive to a second shop for a second opinion."

For a free copy of AAA's new brochure, "Taking the Scare Out of Auto Repair," send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: AAA Public Relations, 1 Hanover Road, Florham Park, NJ 07932.



Keep a child's car seat safe

WASHINGTON — Ninety-nine percent of parents with children under one say they have heard about the risks air bags pose to children. But only 11 percent of parents who regularly transport an infant in a vehicle equipped with a passenger air bag continue to place babies in the front seat — amounting to as many as 175,000 babies at serious risk.

The research reveals that these parents tend to be younger, have little formal education, and live in the South. And parents who don't wear their seat belts are more likely to place infants in the front.

"Infants should NEVER, ever ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag," said Janet D. Davis, director of the National Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign. "An air bag comes out of the dashboard in the blink of an eye with great force. Riding up front in an infant seat, a baby's fragile head and neck are always too close to the deploying air bag in the event of a crash."

While the overall rate of child deaths from air bags has declined by 50 percent and there are encouraging signs that more drivers are properly restraining children in the back seat, too many children are continuing to die.

Infants under one year of age account for roughly one in 12 of the children at risk; yet they account for about 40 percent of the child deaths. To date, 63 children have died in rear-entitled crashes involving air bags, 13 were babies riding in infant seats. Investigations also indicate that almost all of these infants were five months old or younger.

"We think some parents believe the risk of not using an air bag is greater than the risk of injury in a crash. That's just wrong," said Joseph R. Zanga, M.D., FAAP, American Academy of Pediatrics President. "Parents must understand that automobile crashes are the leading cause of injury to our children. The safest way for pre-school children to ride is in a properly restrained car seat."

The research also shows that parents are more likely to follow proper safety procedures as their children age. Fully one-third of parents correctly place infants in the back seat one to three months old in the front seat, while only 12 percent put ten to 12 month-



old infants in the front seat. The risks air bags pose to children are entirely eliminated when children ride properly restrained in the back seat. Crashes are the leading cause of death to children and with or without an air bag, the back seat is the safest place for children to ride. Nearly 800,000 children are at increased risk in a crash.

The National Campaign, NHSTA and others are working to educate new and expectant parents by providing free materials through national organizations that can best reach their target audiences. For more information, contact the National Campaign's website (www.nsc.org/airbag.htm) or call (202) 625-2570.

Infants should NEVER, ever ride in front of a passenger air bag.

Children 12 and younger should ride in rear-facing seats in the back seat until at least age one AND at least 22 pounds.

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Children 12 and younger should ride in correct age- and size-appropriate safety seats or seat belts in the back seat.

Check your vehicle's owner's manual and the instructions provided with your child safety seat for correct use information.

Air Bag safety tips

or without an air bag, children are safer in the back. Studies show that, even in vehicles without air bags, the death rate is reduced by one-third when kids ride properly restrained in the back seat.

In the research also shows that 20 percent of parents with and without air bags equipped vehicles have children in the front seat restraining their infants. Since crashes are the leading cause of death to children and with or without an air bag, the back seat is the safest place for children to ride. Nearly 800,000 children are at increased risk in a crash.

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Auto leasing: You should have done it much sooner

By Roosevelt Gist, Jr.

The auto lease is the most flexible auto financing tool available. When properly explained and fully understood, it will become your auto financing choice. Auto leasing is gaining popularity with new and now used cars for one reason: the increasing price of cars.

If you're in the market for an ownership, you would be leasing now. The major difference between leasing and buying is the timing of ownership. When you buy, ownership is assumed at the signing of the contract. However, technically, you do not own the car until you completely pay off your auto loan. When you lease, ownership occurs at the end of the lease if you desire.

If you keep a vehicle for six years or more, do not lease. However, if you trade with a loan balance, consider leasing. There are some very important facts that you should know before you sign the lease agreement. Finding these out later will sour your leasing experience. I will touch on some of them. The space provided in this column does not allow me to go into all of them.

There are two types of leases: closed end and open end. With the closed end lease, the car is returned to the lessor (the company that owns the vehicle) at the end of the term and "walk away." If you have not damaged the car, experienced any excess wear and tear and did not exceed the mileage allowance you will have no financial obligation to the lessor to make all your lease payments. Because the lessor is taking most of the risk your monthly payments will be higher.

The closed end lease is the most popular and provides the most protection. With the open end lease your

monthly payments are lower but your end of lease obligation is determined by the fair market value of the car at that time. The residual value (projected future value of the car) set by the lessor at least inception may far exceed the fair market value of your car at lease end and you will have to pay the difference.

When you lease, you are bound by the mileage allowed set in the lease signing. If you exceed it you pay a premium. Pay attention to make the mileage to your real driving habits. Excessive wear and tear is an arbitrary determination and unless you just totally destroy the car, this should not be an area of concern.

It is important to know the proper type and amount of insurance. Your lessor will give you the limits. Get GAP coverage so that your car is stolen and not recovered. If your car is stolen and not recovered, GAP coverage does not pay the full replacement value. Make the term of the lease match how often you trade out of cars. Don't go for longer lease terms because the monthly payment will be higher. The longer the term, the higher the cost. The cost of your lease term is up falls under early termination.

Questions to ask the lessor: Please explain the terms of the lease. What is the residual value? What is the monthly mileage rate and premium? Is this a closed end lease? If I sell the vehicle at lease end do I keep all profits above the residual value? Is GAP coverage included in the lease?

Roosevelt Gist, Jr. is the President/Owner of AutoNetworks, and has recently created an African-American buyers guide on the Internet. For more information visit www.aabg.com.

Dealing with ...

Road Rage!

By Colonel Peter J. O'Hagan, USMC, Ret. and Colonel Carl A. Williams

Aggressive driving is a public enemy that faces most drivers every day. According to statistics, 40 percent of drivers surveyed feel that aggressive driving is the greatest hazard they face on the road.

Contributing to the problem is the large number of cars on the highway. New Jersey is one of the most densely populated states. Highly congested areas can promote stress and frustration. People frequently use their cars as an outlet, feeling that there are no real consequences.

Unfortunately, many times the consequences are crashes that can lead to injuries or death.

Examples of aggressive driving include tailgating, improper passing, flashing lights to move the driver ahead, speeding, cutting drivers off, hand gestures, weaving through

traffic and honking horns.

There are ways to deal with aggressive drivers without upsetting them or causing yourself harm.

Following these simple steps can save lives and prevent motor vehicle crashes on our roadways.

• Make every attempt to get out of their way.

• Do not challenge them.

• Do not make eye contact.

• Do not make or return gestures.

• Do not block the passing lane, and avoid switching lanes without signaling.

• Do not tailgate.

• Allow plenty of time for your trip.

• Stay away from drivers driving erratically.

New Jersey motorists can also help combat aggressive drivers by reporting them to a toll free number (888) 723-7623. This number has been put in place to combat aggres-

sive and other unsafe drivers. The call goes to a central State Police operator who then routes the call to a municipality near where the call is coming from.

There are serious penalties for aggressive driving in New Jersey. If you receive a ticket for tailgating, or if you are found guilty of reckless driving, you will receive five points on your motor vehicle driving record. You may also be found guilty of careless driving and receive an additional two points.

Motorists must take the necessary steps to prevent themselves from becoming victims of aggressive drivers. A 3,000 pound vehicle in the hands of a hostile driver is a lethal weapon.

Colonel Peter J. O'Hagan, USMC, Ret. is director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. Colonel Carl A. Williams is superintendent of the New Jersey State Police.

Religion

Religion Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

NEWARK—A special divine healing Prayer Service will be held at Germania P.B. Church beginning at 7:30 p.m. This Special Healing will be held through September 6. (973) 434-3466

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

BROOKLYN—Muhammad's Mosque of Islam will host its Annual Women's Day Program, "The Role of Black Women in the New Millennium." The program begins at 2 p.m. (718) 919-7456.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

KANSAS CITY—The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will hold its President's education banquet through September 11. For detailed info, call (816) 322-1197.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PATERSON—The New Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ presents their Silver Anniversary Banquet and Service held at the elegant Brownstone House beginning at noon. (973-742-1976)

LAKEWOOD—Sisters of Mercy will sponsor a Mercy AIDS Ride beginning at Georgian Court College in celebration of their 125th anniversary. (1888) 637-2374

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

PATERSON—The New Christian Tabernacle Church of God in Christ invites the public to celebrate Pentecost Harvest 1998, Holy Ghost Revival through September 20 beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 42-1976.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

HACKENSACK—Men of the Universal Haparis Spiritual Church presents "Gospelles '98" featuring the "Gospel Hues" and many others beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the UHSC #2. For more info, call (201) 916-1863 or (201) 343-6133.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

PLAINFIELD—Faith Tabernacle Church presents their 1st annual men's conference beginning at 7:30 p.m. This conference will be held through October 4. (908) 753-6359.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ATLANTA—Join us for the third annual Gospel Harmony Gala Concert & Awards. For detailed information, call (404) 376-5656.

HAWTHORNE—The Northern NJ Sunday School Union will sponsor the 38th annual Christian Education Convention through the 20th at the Hawthorne Gospel Church. For more information, call (800) 363-4410.

An urgent call for help

WAYNE—Father's House of Compassion was established in January 1995. The vision God has given us is to help the homeless. This agency comes from Matthew 25:31-46 & Isaiah 58:7-12. Based on those scriptures she took her one family home and turned it into a ministry of help.

This ministry is a referral agency, networking with local churches, missions and all kinds of organizations providing them with food, clothing, furniture, toys, handyman work. Jobs, apartments, help with utilities and as God leads this ministry to help the homeless get back on their feet.

So far this ministry has supplied clothing, shoes, toys, bikes to the following churches and organizations: The Grace Word of God Church, Newark; The Christian Center, Passaic; Jacksonville Chapel from Lincoln Park; Good Shepherd Mission, Paterson; Harvest Time International, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Martin Luther King, Newark; F.D. Fausse, Fausse, Newark; Fausse, Newark.

This ministry has also sent clothes and shoes to different communities through referrals.

The organization need your prayers and support. As of July 21 this house will be open for shelter, in order to keep Father's House of Compassion open we need to buy back this home. We need donations to keep this home so your response is crucial.

You thank you in advance for your prayers and support. This is such a great work of God. All donations are tax deductible. Enclosed, please find a self-addressed envelope for your donation. Please make checks out to "Father's House of Compassion". Mail to: Father's House of Compassion, P.O. Box 295, Wayne, NJ 07474-0294. For more information please call (973) 694-1929.

NJ Minister takes a stand for the community

By Jean H. Pierre

In a time where some of our values and morals have been tarnished from lack of faith or spirituality, one person sees it as a mission to bring it back head strong.

Some feel he is a hero. Others see him as a magician. But whatever you do, don't call him uncom-

Bishop Alfred Johnson, head of the United Methodist Church, feels it time that everyone came back to god. "Having more people give their lives to Christ is the only way to survive in this world," says Bishop Johnson. With 600 churches in the nation's urban and rural areas, including 40 in New Jersey, the Bishop thinks all could be done to spread the message. "Becoming disciples of Jesus allows us to one with another. What perfect way to deliver healing," said Johnson.

Bishop Johnson became the head of the church in 1996, after years of studying and teaching in his home state of Pennsylvania. He received a B.A. in art at Alfred College in 1972. Then, a master of theology degree from Boston University in 1975. With all his successes, including his continued involvement with the community, selecting him as head bishop, "It's an honor to help the people of the congregation," said Johnson. "I see big things for this church."

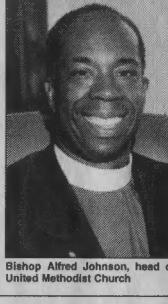
Last Year, Bishop Johnson was awarded the coveted Traill Award by the Black Methodist Association. It was given to him for being the first African-American graduate of Wesley to be elected Bishop. With all his activities in the church, Bishop keeps himself busy with other movements outside as well. He is on Board of Trustees

at three learning institutions in the Philadelphia region, and he is a member of the National Council of Churches.

Born and raised in Philadelphia (The city of brotherly love), Bishop's main goal is to get more youth back into worship. "I feel some of the other religions, including ours, have turned their back on kids. I want to bring the love of our youth dying in its cause of peace to help them," says Johnson. "I like what the Muslims are doing by recruiting. That's something I would like to do."

His wife Lois G. Johnson, head of the Bishop's Department at Delaware Technical and Community, has given the Bishop some pointers as well.

"She's a big inspiration to me. I am glad I have her," says Johnson, and you know, the church is glad to have you.



Bishop Alfred Johnson, head of United Methodist Church

Get rid of your excess baggage

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Wherever you go, there you are."

—Modern axiom

"At sundown a different person enters the house than the one who left in the morning."

—Yoruba Proverb

All of us carry baggage with us. Baggage is the popular term used to denote our thought patterns, belief systems, attitudes and habitual responses to life. But what do we go to carry this baggage with us?

However, many of us are not aware of the heavy psychological burdens and emotional loads we carry. Living in an insane, dysfunctional home environment has had a devastating impact on us. We have been forced to adapt in order to survive the rigors of living in a society that degrades people of African descent. The post traumatic psycho-social impact of African slavery and apartheid has added excess baggage to our givens to bear for Africans in America.

We also carry the effects of our upbringing, socialization and home environment. If we grew up in an abusive, psychologically or emotionally abusive home, we carry the baggage it has impacted us, whether we choose to acknowledge it or not. All of us were socialized to believe the world operates in certain prescribed patterns. If we heard or were taught the world is a dog-eat-dog place, then we act like it. Similarly, if we were taught that we are not important, then we act like it.

The Family Matters Message Series will be delivered as part of Christ Church's contemporary service beginning at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 noon from September 6 through October 11th. Admission is open to all at no charge and attendees are invited to "come as you are." Dress is casual, small children are cared for during the Family Matters Series in Christ Church's nursery, study by dedicated workers, with a "children's church" running simultaneously with adult church. Contemporary music-professional, creative, diverse, passionate, and uplifting—is an integral part of the Sunday celebration at Christ Church.

Founded in 1816 and headquartered in New York, the Christ Church Society is a publishing, translator and distributor of Scripture in the United States, serving Christian churches nationwide. For more information, contact Christ Church at (973) 783-1010. Fax number is (973) 783-0818. Christ Church is located at Church Street & Trinity Place, Montclair, NJ 07042. The Christ Church Web site address is www.christchurchnj.org.

African Americans through the diaspora have been assimilated into white supremacy. We are told in countless ways that this is the white man's world and we are made to feel less intelligent, less worthy and less competent. When we internalize and believe these messages, we are less likely to fully develop our natural gifts, abilities and talents. If istab's believe all brothers are dogs, they will relate to them accordingly, even though they do not deserve this treatment. As a nation, if brothers view istab as sex objects and running simultaneously with adult church. Contemporary music-professional, creative, diverse, passionate, and uplifting—is an integral part of the Sunday celebration at Christ Church.

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Revelation empowering black America

MEMPHIS—"We're making real progress toward empowering black America. Let's put it this way. We're not going to wait on the millennium. We're going to make things happen now."

The chairman of the two African-American church leaders who head the empowerment efforts of Revelation Corporation, the for-profit economic cooperative founded by five black churches in Washington, D.C. on January 15, 1996, the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King.

By way of summing up the corporation's achievements in the last two and a half years, Dr. Bennett W. Smith, Revelation president and chairman of the Revelation board, cited several areas in which measurable progress has been achieved:

"Frankly, a lot of our members have spent much of their time looking for opportunities. We're bringing in more people," explained Dr. Smith. "The best thing about it," added Bishop Graves, "is that this is not secured card, with out-of-pocket money due up front. This means that start-up expenses in some cases can be deducted from the credit line. Everybody gets a credit line to start with."

The Revelation/Northeast Homeownership Program: Revelation's formation of a partnership last year with the New York City Housing Authority to develop and manage 1,000 units of affordable housing in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Queens.

The Revelation/Northeast Energy Resources Program: The energy company that is the for-profit arm of the corporation's energy arm, has accelerated the corporation's grand design of increasing first-time homeownership in the African-American community.

A new expansion of the Revelation/Northeast program at work is the burgeoning St. Elmo subdivision created in conjunction with the C.M.E. Church in Revelation's home city of Memphis. Some 300

luxurious detached dwellings have been constructed there and sold to first-time buyers.

The Revelation/Sedgwick Program for African-American Churches: Another new venture partnership, this one with the Sedgwick Corp., a global family's organization which has its North American headquarters in Memphis and which will offer the most up-to-date and affordable protection available against damage or liability to buildings, homes, churches, and other properties.

The Revelation Student Aid Program: During the last year Revelation has also formed a partnership with Aegon Special Benefits, a pension plan whose importance increases with the approach of the coming school year—is Educaid, the Student Loan Specialists. This well-established company, based in St. Louis, Mo., offers loans to students nationwide to guide students from Revelation families through the maze of regulations and student loan varieties.

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The Revelation Profit-Sharing

Bishop William Graves Chairman of the Revelation board

Formal: The most unique aspect of Revelation—is its profit-sharing program, whereby a portion of the corporation's net proceeds from commercial sales are allocated to its real fruit in 1998, the first year of Revelation operations, when thousands of checks were cut to participating institutions and individuals.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BELLVILLE—The Women's Health Center at Clara Maass Hospital will sponsor a 10-week program called "Building Better Bones." For information, call 973-450-2883.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

EDISON—The 7th Division will organize a 5K Race/Walk and One-Mile Fun Run. Call 1-800-575-9073.

BELMAR—The Greater New Jersey Chapter of Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, INC is sponsoring its 6th Annual 5K Pace Setters Walk. (732) 656-1244.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Medical Center is holding a Breast Cancer Support Group beginning at 6:00 p.m. (201)946-6459.

The spiritual road to conquering HIV

RAHWAY—In celebration of the month of September as Minority Health Month, the Redeeming Care Center, Inc. of Rahway and the National Council on Negro Women.

Rahway section will sponsor a Health Fair Bazaar at the Second Baptist Church, 1000 Broad Street, Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme of the fair is "Where do we go from here? Preparing the church body to meet the challenges of HIV Epidemic in the Millennium."

The Redeeming Care Center is a committee of volunteers associated with the Second Baptist Church who are concerned about those infected or affected by the HIV virus. Recently the center plans to purchase a house in the Union County area to assist those in need of services.

The event will feature the following services: blood pressure screening, blood glucose information, drug, cancer and heart related materials and HIV information.

The outreach of the Center is to the whole community with particular emphasis on churches. With the dramatic increase in the incidence on HIV in the black sector of the population. The time has come to tap into

By Minister Abdul Alim Muhammad, M.D.

Should you trust the vaccinators—those doctors, nurses, public health officials and politicians who recommend that you and your family be vaccinated?

This question of trust looms large in the minds of many people, especially those historically disadvantaged groups in America, who have heard the warnings of deceitful and wicked plots.

Of course, we cannot forget the Tuskegee Experiment, one of the most infamous incidents in the history of black and whites. For 40 years, from 1932 until 1972, an agency of the U.S. government, now known as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), allowed unsuspecting Black men infected with syphilis to spread

the infection to loved ones and deliberately withheld effective treatment from them.

This callous disregard for the life and rights of blacks makes it very difficult for our people to have faith and confidence in the motives of those who run the medical establishment in general. It is this lack of trust that causes many of our people to hesitate to fully put themselves—even if they have access to medical treatment—in their hands.

Anyone who would ask people to trust such a government and/or medical establishment is either 100 percent deceived or perhaps "in" on the plot. After all, the Tuskegee Experiment could have never been carried out without the cooperation of black nurses and doctors and other well-respected members of the black community.

It was not so much that the poor and largely uneducated participants trusted in the White

medical establishment, but that they trusted their own doctors and nurses.

Likewise, today, many black officials, some of them in the upper echelons of authority at the CDC may not be aware of the underhanded and callous nature of wide-spread vaccination programs.

And only the most gullible of us believe that those who showed little concern for our health in the past are now interested when it comes to us.

Yet, parents are forced to have their children vaccinated in order to secure a place in day care, in public schools or even summer camp. Welfare recipients are being coerced into having their children vaccinated in order to continue to receive welfare benefits. College students are having their financial aid held back unless they submit to vaccinations. Meanwhile, military personnel are not allowed to serve and in some

instances, are threatened with Court Marshall if they do not receive mandatory experimental vaccines before they are deployed into far corners of the world.

Recently, we found out that developments in vaccine technology allow them to be placed in staple items such as powders or tablets. Now we are even uncertain whether we eat food that is laced with some vaccine. And there are real examples of this. Officials in the Philippines discovered that Unilever, a division from the World Health Organization (WHO) also contained unapproved vaccines not against some dread disease, but against the hormone of pregnancy. A woman who is given such a vaccine develops antibodies against her fetus and becomes pregnant, the fetus is unable to attach itself to the uterine wall and the pregnancy ends in a spontaneous abortion or miscarriage.

Over the last 18 months, the National Institute of Health and Human Services of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has undertaken a research project on the subject of vaccinations. We have compiled information and data from primary scientific sources, health experts, independent researchers, books, articles and other data sources. We have interviewed scores of people and convened panels to discuss these issues so that we may be able to make specific recommendations. Look out for more articles on the subject. In addition, a book will be published in the near future. The book, "What You Should Know About Vaccinations," is in preparation and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Dr. Muhammad is head of the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C.

Can vaccinations really be trusted?

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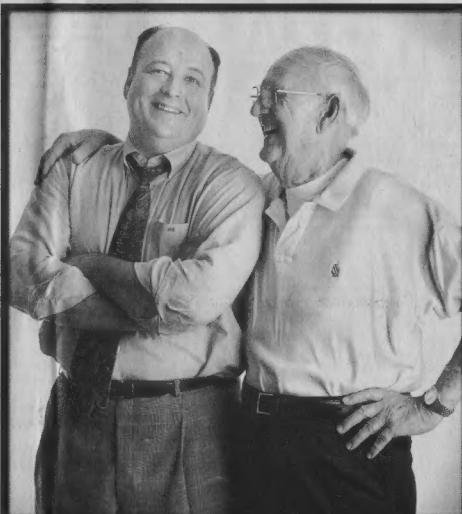
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NEW YORK—T-Bone at the Lincoln Center will present pianist and jazz legend Hank Jones in the opening of its 1998-99 JAZZ JAM series. "Have You Met Hank Jones?", in Alice Tully Hall. The concert will feature a slew of jazz artists. For more information contact the Lincoln Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

NEW BRUNSWICK—George Street Playhouse will present the works of Beowulf and Grendel. Play through Sept. 26. Call (973) 933-0199 for info.

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NEWARK—Actor and stand-up comedian George Carlin will perform at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), with special guest Dennis Blair, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (973) 297-5833

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How Wynton Marsalis swings

NEW YORK—"You have to strain to propel some blues out of a horn because the blues reconciles o p o o

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house and put it right next to something from the church. That's the blues just like life." — Wynton Marsalis

Jazz connoisseurs, resolute and sympathetic, operate in tradition and innovation, secular and sacred, individuality and community, particularism and universalism, European and African, ancient and modern, technological and humanistic, male and female. In *Sweet Swing Blues On The Road*, Pulitzer Prize winner and artistic director of New York's Jazz at Lincoln Center Wynton Marsalis and award-winning photographer and filmmaker Frank Stewart have strayed, through thoughtful words and engaging photographs, how a portrait of musical artists as young men can illuminate, during the late 20th century, these contrasting tendencies in America. While the pioneering trumpeter Marsalis lets loose with a down-home, pure-and-prose mix of playful banter, metaphor-rich history, erudite commentary and revealing dialogue, Stewart engages via a masterful use of light and dark, and a sense of shape that is as much their substance.

Broken up into 12 chapters, a clear nod to the 12 bar blues form, Marsalis and Stewart take the reader on the tour bus, into the inner lives of Marsalis and his associates, account of the thought processes, of the players themselves, the trials and tribulations of the road and the joy of bringing blues, swingin' jazz to the world at large. Throughout *Sweet Swing Blues On The Road*, Marsalis forth his notion of the blues as being not just a crude, simple-minded expression of despair and frustration.

Throughout this book, the blues as metaphor for life sings out as clearly as it does in jazz. From the opening photographic style of Stewart to the musical, philosophical musings of Marsalis, the reader, by the end of the tour and book understands Marsalis's conception of blues and swing.

K-Ci & JoJo put a message in the music

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.—Broadening the message of "Just Say Not Yet," MCA duo K-Ci and JoJo have formed an alliance with Planned Parenthood for the free distribution of copies of their latest video, "Don't Rush," which urges young people to use caution before jumping into sexual situations.

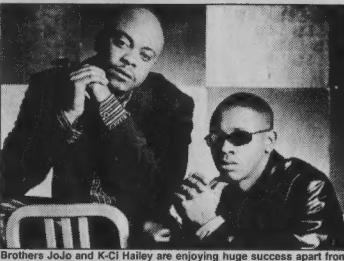
Copies of the video will be handed out to clients and patients at Planned Parenthood clinics in major cities, while supplies last. Tie-ins with local radio stations will further advertise the give-away.

Michael McGee, vice president of education at Planned Parenthood Federation of America, says, "K-Ci and JoJo are giving young people an important message about making responsible choices about sex and relationships. Too many young people rash into having sex without consid-

ering the consequences. The video shows how that can turn out. I think it's great that K-Ci and JoJo are presenting their audience with some good advice to get to know your partner and 'take love slowly' to protect your relationship and stay healthy."

The duo themselves present a series of close encounters with sexual situations, some depicting potentially dangerous situations such as sleeping with unfamiliar partners or practicing unsafe sex. The words "In life we all have choices" appear at the end, hammering home the message.

At press time, "Don't Rush" was the #1 video on the Box for the third week in a row. Meanwhile, K-Ci and JoJo are still enjoying the success of their multi-format number one single "All My Life." The MCA duo sold the platinum album *Love Always*. Both are currently in the midst of an extensive national concert tour.



Brothers JoJo and K-Ci Hailey are enjoying huge success apart from their work with the group Jodeci.

Jersey Artist to be featured at Annual Autumn Craft Fair

NEW YORK—A quarter of a million visitors are expected to view 50,000 fine craft objects at the 13th Annual Autumn Crafts Festival at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. Performers, arts, in addition to continuous 15 craft demonstrations, including an abundance of natural and international cuisines as well as craft displays from every region of the continental United States, France and Canada.

The state region's second most popular crafts exposition, which features twenty craft artists from New Jersey, will be open to the public on the consecutive weekends of September 5 & 6 and September 12 & 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Center's Park and Fountain Plaza, Columbus Avenue at 64th Street in Manhattan.

Four hundred master artisans from 41 states, including Hawaii, seven guest artisans from Canada and two from France will be at their displays presenting works in porcelain, marquetry and dyed leather, precious jewelry, blown, stained and fused glass, hand-crafted designer fashion, fibers, contemporary and traditional home and office furnishings, toys, musical instruments and more. For more information, call (201) 746-0091.

Scoop Da Jour



By Asonda Hunter



Monifa was signed to Universal Records at the insistence of rapper Heavy D.

God willing, Monifa plans to hop on a tour soon to promote her new album, *Mo' Honey*. But who or when exactly she doesn't know. All she knows right now is that she's been thinking about how she can be a better artist and manager and some of her friends and in between that, she's been fielding questions from inquisitive journalists who want to know just how right are she and Queen Latifah? "We did move to Los Angeles, so I'm planning on getting a manager or a manager to manage me," she says. "I think it's been camped out at Universal, the record company that signed her based on Heavy D's insistence and she's just plain pooped out."

"Yeah, I'm a little tired," she says, pointing, "but I'll keep going. I've been

reading a lot of Deepak Chopra and Iyana Vanzant's *Acts of Faith*. In fact I'm reading her book *Value in the Valley* again. There was a point where I wasn't reading positive materials, I was just reading negative things and I feel like if I have energy to do that I definitely have energy to think about it. I definitely have positive for my career."

Besides exerting mental energy in the course of her career, the proud mother of one daughter Akemi (which means beautiful light in Japanese) moved from New York to Los Angeles to record this album.

Of her work with Mario Winans, who produced the lovely "It's So Amazing" for Miss Jones, she says, "He's a genius. It's like he is just there for you during the studio sessions. He gave me a

lot of input and I like that," she says describing her friend. "When we did the song 'Better Half of Me,' we wrote the hook together in like 20 minutes. The song was based on a true experience that happened to me. It was easy to write about. I did the first verse and the bridge and he wrote the second."

Beside "Better Half of Me," other standout cuts on the album include "Suga Sweet," a song Monifa did at the second single and "Tie It Down," which is about a woman admitting to the fact that she needs and want intimacy. Explains Monifa, whose name means "beautiful" in a West African language—she doesn't know which one. "I consider myself a romantic person. I don't have any hang-ups about talking about my personal life. I think we should be able to talk about love or making love in a tasteful, fun way. Because of my mouth and ignorance, I didn't write a lot of songs on my last album. So, the audience can expect a lot more."

"Have You Ever Been In Love," keeps in line with the autobiographical angle this album ably leans towards. The question asked in the song's title is one that she often asked herself until the truth became painfully clear thanks to friendly counseling from friends like Queen Latifah. "She's a good friend. She's been in the business a long time, so there's a lot she can tell you about the business that I haven't experienced yet. This song, though, it encompasses what's going on in a lot of relationships."

Of her maturing while in the business, Monifa says, "I've grown a lot as a person. I'm more confident and I want people to know that. I'm not going to accept BS in my life anymore."

Explains Monifa, "Every time you see

her, I wanted it to be there. At a certain point in your life you must take control."

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The launch of CityNet hits NJPac

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also looks toward the success of the enterprise. "It's just that, a net," he said of the concept. "It ought to catch every piece of information whether it's out of the corporate offices or the crack houses, because that is how the change has to come - down and up and down."

"Looking at it as a person that has been in corporate America for 30 years, said Reverend James, who is also a manager of Urban and Community Affairs at Public Service Electric and Gas, "society has to change. We can't do what we have been doing. We have to change in there, and what we must do is to be there."

Bishop Alfred Johnson is head of the New Jersey Area of the United Methodist Church. This body includes 600 churches and has two outreach programs that are looking to partner with initiatives like CityNet (see story on page B2). One program is geared toward the health needs of 25,000 of the world's children who die everyday of malnutrition-related diseases. The other is the "Stolen Zone," where people of all races and cultural backgrounds work together for greater understanding and common ground. "We are willing to partner with anyone that will spread spiritual holiness and transform the continent."

Charlie Knight, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the 2,000 member Job Grand Lodge, said it was a privilege to be included in the kick-off of this innovative concept and its wide-reaching possibilities. Because of his organization's interest in ministering to urban youth, he said, "On behalf of the Job Grand Lodge, this is philosophy that has our total support."

"Those who want join us in going boldly into the new century can receive the CityNet package of information. We can make a difference by uniting and working together in our homes and our communities through this effort," Mrs. Johnson said.

Diane Keill Atkins, of the New Garden State Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, stood in for Bishop William Caboon, who is pastor of House of God, Church of God in Christ. "We want you to know that the new millennium is upon us, and we are talking about 500 days from now," she said, "so it's not too late to start practical planning, non-duplication of effort and a great deal of collaboration. CityNet is a great forum to initiate all three of these ideas."



Vernon Hammond, owner of Vernon H. Hammond Agency, James C. Batten, President, United Methodist Homes of New Jersey, and Bishop Alfred Johnson, The United Methodist Church, New Jersey Area, share a moment together.



M. John Richard, executive vice president, Development and Public Affairs, NJPac, speaks with Donald Karp, CEO, Broad National Bank, about the commitment we all must make to the success of CityNet.



Richard J. Spears, President of 100 Black Men of New Jersey discusses CityNet with Brenda Murphy, Human Resources Director, NJPac.



Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey and Assemblyman Gerry Green do some networking during the reception.



Wilbert C. Russell, City Manager, Asbury Park, Reverend Jethro C. James, Urban and Community Affairs Manager, PSE&G, discuss partnering with CityNet.



City News Sales and Circulation Manager Shanda Laws greets Frederica Bey, Executive Director of Women in Support of the Million Man March (WISOMMM). Bey described CityNet as "an extremely powerful tool that is essential to our community. WISOMMM as well as the Anti-Lynching campaign has already networked with City News as part of the concept, and we've achieved great results."

Psychologist opinion cited in parental rights' court case



West Orange resident Matthew B. Johnson, Ph.D. teaches at the NYU John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York.

By g.r. mattox
Staff Writer

What is the outcome of a situation when a mother with a serious drug dependency, but close ties to her children? A recent New Jersey Appellate Court Decision, "In the

Matter of K.H.O." explores this situation and makes a departure from established law and practices that permanently separate children from biological parents unable to care for them. The decision, written by Justice Imogene L. Conley and extensively quoted in an article published in the *NYU Review of Law and Justice*, and Social Change written by West Orange psychologist, Matthew B. Johnson, Ph.D., the K.H.O. case involved a drug dependent mother whose child, K.O., was removed from her custody at birth, when the child was found to be addicted to

heroin. When she tried to get her children back, The Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) moved to terminate her parental rights. Although the mother has failed countless drug rehabilitation programs, she did maintain positive contact with her daughter. The child was placed with biological mother parents, she has a good relationship with her mom and other members of her biological family.

Johnson, who is currently an Associate Professor of Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, testified in favor of reviewing more than the issue of foster parent and child bonding in custody cases, and noted that many other factors should be considered when a determination is made to terminate a parent's or a child's rights. In the past, New Jersey's child welfare agency could move to end a biological parent's rights by demonstrating evidence of the child's bonding with the foster family. The main disadvantage to this "bonding" is when they do not have resources to support their claim.

Regarding the K.H.O. opinion, Johnson, who has served as a consultant to private attorneys and agencies throughout the state said, "It's critical that when these children become involved with the Division of Youth and Family Service that they have adequate legal representation and access to independent psychological examinations."

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